

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, the future of Idaho public education lies in the quality of aspiring young teachers; and

WHEREAS, the quality of the young teacher is related to the aptitude of the aspiring young teacher; and

WHEREAS, the aptitude of the aspiring young teacher can be enhanced by mentoring programs within our local schools; and

WHEREAS, many school districts across Idaho are anticipating record numbers of educators retiring in the near future; and

WHEREAS, to provide quality candidates for the vacancies, those students who interested in the teaching profession will require guidance and nurturing; and

WHEREAS, the Growing Idaho's Future Teachers or GIFT Program pairs young people with mentoring opportunities; and

WHEREAS, once provided with mentoring opportunities, those individual will be assured of their potential and aptitude to teach successfully;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2007, to be

GIFT PROGRAM DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at Parma, Idaho, on this 16th day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR

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